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We cordially invite you to submit nominations for the Odyssey Awards, a program created to honor outstanding educators of Michigan history.

The Michigan Historical Center Foundation supports Michigan education programs and teaching approaches that make learning about Michigan history exciting for children across the state.

This brochure contains the official nominating form and lists all of the materials that must accompany entries for the awards.

Why these awards?

Key to all successful education programs are the dedicated educators who make learning come alive for their students. Michigan history educators across the state are doing a fantastic job of instilling a passion for learning in young people. The Michigan Historical Center Foundation believes it's important to recognize the efforts of these outstanding educators and help spread the word about what they are doing to inspire students and foster their interest in Michigan history.

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For the ninth consecutive year, the *Odyssey Awards* will honor up to three Michigan history educators from across the state. In addition to a unique plaque and year-long recognition at the Michigan Historical Center, each award recipient will receive a cash gift of \$500.

Award recipients will be invited to participate in the 2008 *Jingle Ball* to be held Saturday, November 22nd, in Lansing, and will be asked to share their ideas and expertise with other educators across the state.

Questions?

Questions about the *Odyssey Awards* may be directed to the Foundation office by calling 517-373-2565 or e-mail mhcfoundation@michigan.gov

Send completed form to:

Michigan Historical Center Foundation
P.O. Box 17035
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Odyssey Awards

Official Nomination Form



Eligibility:

All nominees must be Michigan history educators.

Nomination

Deadline:

All entries must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2008.

Entry

Requirements:

The following materials must be mailed to the *Michigan Historical Center Foundation*, P.O. Box 17035, Lansing, MI 48901, by the entry deadline: completed nomination form, two letters of support, the nominee's profile and the letter of nomination.

Support Materials: Letters from two individuals who have personal knowledge of the nominee's achievements. The support letters should include the names, addresses and home telephone numbers of the supporters.

Educator's Profile: The nominee's personal data, such as memberships, awards, achievements, committee involvement, etc.

Letter of Nomination: In a typewritten attachment, please tell us why you are nominating the educator named for the 2008 Odyssey Award.

Your letter of nomination should be no more than 800 words in length and should include information about the nominee's:

- *depth of knowledge about Michigan history;*
- *demonstrated leadership regarding Michigan history in their local school district and/or in their local community; and*
- *demonstrated creativity in teaching Michigan history.*

Awards

Announcement:

The names of the 2008 Odyssey Award recipients will be announced publicly in September 2008. Award recipients will be invited to participate in and be recognized at the *Jingle Ball* on Saturday, November 22nd, at the Michigan Historical Center in Lansing.

Expectations:

The Michigan Historical Center Foundation will host an awards ceremony in the local community of each award recipient, among their students, colleagues and peers, to acknowledge their outstanding achievements.



Please provide the following information about both the nominee and yourself:

Educator's Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City, State & Zip Code: _____
Home Phone #: _____
County: _____
School District (if applicable): _____
School & Address: _____
Grade Taught: _____
Total Years Teaching: _____
Principal's Name: _____
School Phone Number: _____

Please provide the following information about yourself:



Nominator's Name: _____
Nominator's Home Address: _____
City, State & Zip Code: _____
Home Phone Number: _____

Please provide the following information about supporter #1:



Supporter's Name: _____
Supporter's Home Address: _____
City, State & Zip Code: _____
Home Phone Number: _____

Please provide the following information about supporter #2:



Supporter's Name: _____
Supporter's Home Address: _____
City, State & Zip Code: _____
Home Phone Number: _____

